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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is a separate Women's Welfare Department. But regarding the statistics required by the hon. Member, I would like to have notice."

SRI AIYANAR :—" அம்மாச்சியாபுரத்தில், ஒரு மாதர் நிலையம் ஆரம்பிக்க சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு அளித்திருந்தும், அதில் தாமதம் ஏற்படுவதற்கு காரணம் என்ன என்பது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to give notice of a separate question."

SRI M. PALANIANDI :—" சார், பெண்களுக்கு நலம் செய்யும் இலாகா நகரத்திலே இருக்கின்றனவா ? அல்லது கிராமங்களிலும் இருச்கிறதா ? கிராமங்களில் இல்லையென்றால் அங்குள்ள பெண்களுக்கும் உதவி செய்வார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I know—but perhaps the hon. Member is not aware of it—many of these Centres and Associations do work in the rural areas."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" I may add that I know that in many places or in most places these Women's Welfare Associations are urbanised and they live only in towns. May I request the Hon. Minister, therefore, to cause an intensification of the spreading out of these Associations and welfare workers in rural areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not admit that this work is more urbanised than ruralised. It is being concentrated more in the rural areas than in the urban areas."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" இந்த மாதிரியான மாதர் நிலைய இலாகாக்கள் பெரும்பாலும் பட்டணங்களில் இருப்பதால் அவர்கள் கிராமங்களிலே இம்மாதிரியான வேலை செய்வதில்லை என்பது . . . "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்த கேள்வியைத்தான் ஆங்கிலத்தில் கிருஷ்ண ஐயர் அவர்கள் கேட்டார்கள். The hon. Member Sri Krishna Ayyar put the same supplementary question."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" My question is different, Sir. அவர் கேட்டது சரி. நான் கேட்பது கிராமங்களுக்கும் இம்மாதிரியான மாதர் நல இலாகாவை ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்கார் யோசிக்குமா என்பதே."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The main question relates to certain Women's Welfare Associations, but these supplementary questions relate to Women's Welfare Centres. Even then, I would like to tell the hon. Members that new centres are opened only in the rural areas, particularly in the National Extension Service areas."

Repairs to tanks in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district.

* 646 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tanks maintained by the Public Works Department in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district;

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(*b*) how many of them have been repaired during the year 1953–54 up to date and the amount spent; and

(*c*) how many of them are yet to be repaired?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 86 tanks.

" (*b*) 14 tanks and Rs. 56,800.

" (*c*) 25 tanks."

First aid certificates to drivers and conductors.

* 647 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the drivers and conductors of the Government Transport have to obtain first aid certificates before 1st January 1954;

(*b*) who is the authority competent to issue certificates;

(*c*) the facilities given to the workers for obtaining the certificates;

(*d*) what will happen to the workers who do not possess first aid certificates on 1st January 1954; and

(*e*) whether the Government are considering any postponement of this date?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The drivers and conductors of public service vehicles, including those employed in the Government Transport have to obtain First Aid Certificates before 1st July 1954;

" (*b*) The St. John Ambulance Association (India);

" (*c*) The Director of Medical Services, Madras, has been instructed to afford the necessary facilities in consultation with the Honorary Secretary, St. John Ambulance Association to enable the drivers and conductors in this State to obtain First Aid Certificates before the prescribed date. Particulars regarding the training classes, availability of training facilities, etc., in the mufassal have been given wide publicity.

" As regards employees in the Government Transport, First Aid Training classes are conducted departmentally for drivers and conductors of the State Transport with the co-operation of the Honorary Secretary, St. John Ambulance Association, St. Thomas Mount Centre;

" (*d*) The drivers and conductors who fail to produce an Adult First Aid Certificate before the prescribed date are liable to be declared disqualified for holding a licence to drive a public service vehicle or to work as a conductor, as the case may be;

" (*e*) The time has since been extended up to 30th June 1954."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question has come up previously also."